

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A pneumatic tire having a framework of a carcass toroidally extending between a pair of bead portions with a crown portion of said carcass reinforced with a belt layer consisting of at least two plies, wherein at least one ply of said belt layer is formed by embedding a metallic cord obtained by shaping a bundle prepared by paralleling a plurality of metallic wires having substantially circular sections in an unstranded state with a binder of a polymer material having a melting point of 50°C to 200°C in rubber.

2. A pneumatic tire having a framework of a carcass toroidally extending between a pair of bead portions with a crown portion of said carcass reinforced with a belt layer consisting of a plurality of plies, wherein at least one ply of said carcass is formed by embedding a metallic cord obtained by shaping a bundle prepared by paralleling a plurality of metallic wires having substantially circular sections in an unstranded state with a binder of a polymer material having a melting point of 50°C to 200°C in rubber.